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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University will conduct the monthly test of its audible alert system on Monday, Dec. 6, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

The system consists of three speakers that use an alert tone as well as voice messages to warn the campus during an emergency.

The high powered amplifiers are located on Ginger and Cartmell halls along with Jayne Stadium.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Board of Regents approved a midyear pay supplement of \$750 for each full-time faculty and staff member employed prior to July 1, on Thursday, Dec. 9, during its quarterly meeting.

"I want to take this opportunity to thank each member of the faculty and staff for their hard work and commitment to Morehead State University," said President Wayne D. Andrews. "Their efforts, both individually and collectively, have enabled the University to move forward during a time of severe economic challenges. In identifying and implementing multiple cost-saving initiatives, the faculty and staff have enabled the University to operate more effectively and efficiently. As a result, we have been able to generate an institutional fund balance to support a one-time \$750 mid-year pay supplement.

"I am hopeful that it will assist many families with end-of-the-year expenditures and rising utility costs during the upcoming winter months. All midyear pay supplement checks will be printed and distributed through departmental supervisors during the week of December 13-17," said Dr. Andrews.

The amount will be subject to tax and retirement deductions and its for full-time faculty and staff member employed prior to July 1, in an authorized position funded in the University's unrestricted operating budget and serving in a non-probationary performance status.

The Regents also heard from Dr. Ben Malphrus, chair of the Department of Earth and Space Sciences, and Robert Twiggs, professor of Space Science, on the programs and projects currently underway at MSU's Space Science Center.

The Spotlight Presentation was made by Dr. Malphrus and Twiggs, who outlined the center's accomplishments since opening and also gave the Regents a look at some of the satellites that students are developing and will launch.

MSU is among five institutions in the U.S. with a bachelor's degree in space science.

The Kentucky Space program, of which MSU is a lead institution (along with the University of Kentucky), has developed its own CubeSat, KySat-1 which will fly as a secondary payload on NASA's Glory Mission in February.

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Twiggs has brought a number of space-related projects to Morehead State, including a collaboration with the Aerospace Engineering School at the University of Rome, leading to the development of a joint satellite called EduSat. EduSat is a 10 kg (22 lb.) satellite built by the University of Rome. EduSat Sat, which will launch on from the Kosmatras Launch site inYasny, Russia, will contain 4 PocketQubs (femtosaurs invented by Twiggs) which will be ejected from the "mothership" at apogee.

Morehead State undergraduate students have built one of the PocketQubs-- Eagle-1, with the others built by private individuals in the U.S. and Europe. MSU Space Science students also designed and built the orbital deployer which will release the PocketQubs from EduSat. These femtosaurs will be the smallest satellites ever launched. Each will have Earth and Space monitoring sensors and test micro/nano technology for space applications.

During its regular scheduled quarterly meeting, the Regents approved the 2010 winter graduates. The ceremony will be held Saturday, Dec. 18, at 10:30 a.m. in the Academic-Athletic Center.

The Board also accepted the 2009-10 financial audit report and amended operating budget; accepted the first quarter financial report and amended operating budget; heard reports on the health insurance plan for 2011; approved personal service contracts; and received the 2010 final fall enrollment figures.

The group ratified personnel actions and approved amending the Student Government Association's Constitution.

Dr. Andrews also presented the Regents with his president's report.

The next scheduled quarterly meeting will be held Thursday, March 10.

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Dr. Birrel lectures at UK's observatory +

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Dr. Jennifer Birriel, associate professor of physics in the Department of Mathematics, Computer Science and Physics, gave a presentation to the general public as part of the MacAdam Student Observatory at the University of Kentucky at the invitation of Dr. Ron Wilhelm, UK assistant professor of astronomy.

Dr. Birriel spoke to a crowd of nearly 200 on the topic of "Life in the Universe." The crowd included several groups of middle school students.

"Claims of UFO sightings and alien abductions abound in popular culture. Science fiction literature imagines an incredible variety of extraterrestrial intelligences capable of routinely communicating and traveling across vast distances in space. In my talk, I discussed just how realistic such scenarios are and explored how scientists in the emerging field of astrobiology are attempting to answer the question 'Is there life in the Universe or are we alone?'" said Dr. Birriel.

"I also discuss the physics and mathematics of interstellar travel and communications."

Dr Birriel received her Ph.D. degree in physics from the University of Pittsburgh in 2000. Her research interests include variable stars, planetary nebulae, supernova remnants, light pollution, and the physics of everyday phenomenon. She is author or co-author of more than 50 publications, both refereed and popular.

She also is a regular contributor to Mercury Magazine with her column titled "The Astronomer's Notebook."

More information can be obtained by contacting Dr. Birriel at (606) 783-2924.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's weekly Forum on Culture, Politics and Society will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. at the Evans Honors House, 209 Elizabeth Ave.

The topic will be "Debating Jesus and Santa."

Special guest will be Rev. Brian Dembowczyk of the Owingsville Baptist Church.

The forum is sponsored by the Academic Honors Association and is open to all MSU students, faculty and staff.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Ric Caric, professor of international and interdisciplinary studies, at (606) 783-2144.

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MSU grad Gearhart takes new professorship at John Hopkins

Director of Pediatric Urology John P. Gearhart is the inaugural recipient of The Robert D. Jeffs Professorship in Pediatric Urology at Johns Hopkins. President of Johns Hopkins University Ronald Daniels officially accepted the new professorship for Johns Hopkins in a Dec. 1 ceremony at which Gearhart was installed as the new Robert D. Jeffs Professor of Pediatric Urology.

"It's a tremendous honor," said Gearhart, who trained with Jeffs and succeeded him as director of pediatric urology in the James Buchannan Brady Urological Institute at Johns Hopkins and at Hopkins Children's. "He taught us the truth of science, that excellence was always expected and he lived what he preached."

The founding chief of pediatric urology at Johns Hopkins and a trailblazing surgeon in his field, Jeffs died in 2006.

Like his predecessor, Dr. Gearhart is among the world's leading experts on urogenital malformations in children, most notably those related to bladder and cloacal exstrophy. Today he heads a world-class Division of Pediatric Urology specializing in the reconstruction of these birth defects in children, including those who have undergone previously failed exstrophy closures elsewhere. In the summer of 2010, Gearhart and his colleagues performed their division's 1,000th exstrophy surgery, employing the multistage technique that Jeffs developed and perfected in the 1970s.

"Bob (Jeffs) took a major birth defect which consigned children to a reclusive, dismal existence and devised a three-step technique to repair it, basically altering the lives of thousands of children throughout the world," said Gearhart.

A graduate of Morehead State University (1971) and the University of Louisville School of Medicine (1975), Dr. Gearhart completed his internship and a residency at the Medical College of Georgia, where he also served as chief resident in urology. After a fellowship in pediatric urology at the Alder Hey Children's Hospital at the University of Liverpool School of Medicine and service on the faculty of St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, W.Va., he joined the Brady Institute at Johns Hopkins in 1984 as a pediatric urology fellow and trained with Jeffs. He succeeded Jeffs as professor and director of pediatric urology in 1996. His own mentees, former fellows at Johns Hopkins, include many current chiefs of pediatric urology in prestigious medical institutions across the nation and abroad.

The Jeffs Professorship was endowed partially by a bequest from long-time Johns Hopkins supporter Zanyvl Krieger (A&S 1928), combined later with the support of friends, grateful families and the Department of Urology at Johns Hopkins, led by Department Chair Alan Partin, M.D., Ph.D.

“For a lifetime of work done superbly well, we are thrilled to honor Dr. Robert Jeffs,” said Daniels at the Dec. 1 installation. “And to Dr. John Gearhart, we offer our heartiest congratulations and profound thanks for leading us toward a future of limitless possibility.”

KCTM presents 'Sounds of Heritage,' Dec. 7+

Morehead State University's Kentucky Center for Traditional Music will present "Sounds of Our Heritage," an evening of traditional music, at the Rowan County Arts Center, Tuesday, Dec. 7, at 6:30 p.m.

The Rowan County Arts Center is located at 205 East Main Street.

The event is the fall semester's final concert by all sections of ensemble classes offered at the Center. Classes have been offered in "Bluegrass Band," "Old Time Country Band," "Old Time String Band," "Celtic Band" and "Traditional Music Ensemble."

Students from the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music have represented MSU and the music and culture of the Appalachian Mountains regionally and internationally at such events as a celebration of Ralph Stanley's 83rd birthday, concerts at venues such as the Paramount Performing Arts Center in Bristol, Tenn./Va., and performances in Ballymena, Northern Ireland.

Students enrolled in classes at the Center this semester represent geographically, Alabama, West Virginia, Ohio, Minnesota, and even Brazil.

Admission is a nonperishable food item or monetary donation to the Rowan County Food Bank.

For additional information, call The Kentucky Center for Traditional Music at (606) 783-9001.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University's Tyler Kline has won the Kentucky Music Educators Association 2011 Collegiate Composition Competition.

A sophomore music education major from Mt. Sterling, he is the son of Greg and Shanell Kline. His winning competition is titled "In Spite Of Thought and Reason, We Dream."

For winning, Kline will receive \$250, a certificate, and been an invitation to perform during the KMEA In-Service Conference collegiate concert on Feb. 10.

"I am most excited about the opportunity to have my music performed at KMEA this year, as well as at the Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts, which is a big deal. Also, Justin Croushore, a good friend of mine, will be performing the piece in February at KMEA, and giving him this opportunity is very important to me as well," said Kline.

The contest was open to any undergraduate student composer currently studying at a Kentucky college/university. Students were invited to submit an original score for the competition.

The student had to be sponsored by a member of the Kentucky Music Educators Association and the work had to be completed within the past two years.

Upon learning about the contest, Kline said he was very interested. He had been working on an Undergraduate Fellowship dealing with the creative process as it relates to composing and this competition was an outlet for that work.

"This is a fantastic honor and opportunity for Tyler," said Dr. L. Curt Hammond, interim chair, Department of Music, Theatre and Dance. "We are proud of him and his work! This competition gives Kentucky college and university students a chance to get their original work showcased. I sincerely hope this award and recognition gives Tyler a chance to have future works performed as well."

Additional information is available by calling the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance at (606) 783-2473.

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MSPR announces special programs for the holiday season ++

Morehead State Public Radio is offering its listeners a variety of special programs in celebration of the upcoming holiday season. MSPR's holiday programming will begin airing on Sunday, Dec. 19, and run through New Year's Day.

The lineup includes:

Sunday, Dec. 19

8 p.m. -- Big Easy Holiday;

9 p.m. -- Joy To The World 2010;

10 p.m. -- Jazz Piano Christmas.

Tuesday, Dec. 21

10 a.m. -- The Spirit of Christmas: Brian Stokes Mitchell;

10:30 a.m. -- Ring, Christmas Bells;

11 a.m. -- The Christmas Revels: In Celebration of the Winter Solstice 2010;

1 p.m. -- Paul Winter's Silver Solstice.

Wednesday, Dec. 22

10 a.m. -- A Chanticleer Christmas;

11 a.m. -- Christmas with Morehouse and Spelman Glee Clubs;

1 p.m. -- Echoes of Christmas;

2 p.m. -- Noel - A Christmas from Paris.

Thursday, Dec. 23

9 a.m. -- Jonathan Winters' A Christmas Carol;

10 a.m. -- St. Olaf Christmas Festival;

Noon -- Rejoice & Be Glad - The King's Singers;

12:30 p.m. -- A Tradition of Christmas;

1 p.m. -- The Nutcracker;

7 p.m. -- An Acoustic Christmas;

8 p.m. -- All Songs Considered for the Holidays;

9 p.m. -- A Carolina Christmas from Biltmore Estate.

Friday, Dec. 24

9 a.m. -- Sing We Now of Christmas — Gladys Knight;
9:30 a.m. -- Ring in the Season;
10 a.m. -- MSPR Children's Holiday Hour;
11 a.m. -- Welcome Christmas;
Noon. -- An Elizabethan Christmas with The Rose Ensemble;
1 p.m. -- Leroy Anderson Christmas;
2 p.m. -- Christmas with Madrigalia 2010;
7 p.m. -- MSPR Children's Holiday Hour (Repeat);
8 p.m. -- Messiah with the Calvin Oratorio Society;
10 p.m. -- A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

Saturday, Dec. 25

8 a.m. -- Lessons and Carols from Washington National Cathedral;
9 a.m. -- Tinsel Tales: NPR Christmas Favorites;
11 a.m. -- Bluegrass Diversion Christmas;
8 p.m. -- Nothin' But The Blues Christmas.

Sunday, Dec. 26

4 p.m. -- A Season's Griot.

A complete holiday schedule including program descriptions and repeat airings are available online at www.msuradio.com.

Morehead State Public Radio broadcasts 24-hours a day from the campus of Morehead State University. WMKY (90.3 FM) serves as the flagship station for the MSPR network, which includes WOCS in Booneville and a translator in Inez. MSPR serves more than 40 counties in Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia.

Additional information is available by calling MSPR at (606) 783-2001 or visiting www.msuradio.com.

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MOREHEAD, Ky.---Morehead State University at Mt. Sterling recently held a celebration in honor of MSU alumnus and Montgomery County businessman Billy Joe Hall.

Hall was an avid supporter of MSU and its Mt. Sterling campus. He worked with former MSU president Dr. C. Nelson Grote during the initial planning phases of establishing regional campus locations. According to many, he was instrumental in bringing the campus to the community.

After Hall passed away in spring 2010, his family approached MSU about starting a fundraising campaign in his memory. They pledged to be lead supporters of the fundraising efforts. Several individuals and business also contributed lead gifts ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

A total of \$60,000 has been pledged or contributed in Hall's memory.

The proceeds raised will be used to support MSU Mt. Sterling and MSU's College of Business and Public Affairs.

As a graduate of the College of Business and a longtime member of the COB advisory board, Hall was passionate about supporting the college.

According to Allison Caudill, MSU's assistant director for donor relations, MSU Mt. Sterling has the largest endowment of all the regional campuses. She said that it can be largely attributed to the support of the community.

Through fundraising efforts, the endowment has a balance of \$285,541.45 and currently is awarding more than \$10,000 in scholarship support to students.

Additional information is available by contacting Caudill at (606) 783-5473.

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MSU is an affirmative action, equal opportunity, educational institution.

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For additional information, call The Kentucky Center for Traditional Music at (606) 783-9001.

Register now to be part of MSU's spring semester

If your New Year's resolution is to move toward a better life for yourself, Morehead State University can help you take that all-important first step. A variety of courses, designed to meet the region's educational needs, will be offered and it's not too late to enroll in the spring semester classes at any of MSU's campuses.

Spring semester classes begin Tuesday, Jan. 18, at Morehead State and registration is available online. Students may view course offerings and complete the registration process through <http://my.moreheadstate.edu/>.

Not yet enrolled at MSU? There is still time to submit an application for the spring term. Prospective students may call the Office of Enrollment Services at (606) 783-2000 or (800) 585-6781, option #1, for admissions assistance.

Students also may view and pay their bill online. Those who are registered for the spring semester will receive monthly e-billing statements via their MSU e-mail account. It is the student's responsibility to check their MSU e-mail account on a regular basis as e-bills are the University's official means of delivering billing statements.

All students MUST enroll in a payment plan or pay in full by Jan. 10, via WebAdvisor to prevent cancellation of Spring class schedules. Students receiving financial aid, scholarships, or third party payments that will cover their entire balance are required to enroll in the "Financial Aid Pending Plan," to prevent class schedules from being cancelled.

MSU offers online bachelor's degree "completer" programs designed primarily for graduates of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS). These programs allow KCTCS graduates to earn bachelor's degrees while continuing to meet work and family obligations without traveling long distances. Courses are offered via the Internet, providing busy adults the opportunity to complete class work at a time and place convenient to them.

Textbooks for the classes are available at the University Bookstore, located in the Adron Doran University Center on the Morehead campus. Orders may be placed by calling (888) STORE-05 or via the Internet at www.bookstore.moreheadstate.edu. Purchases will be shipped to the address specified by the student.

Meal plan selections for the spring semester are now available. To view and order a meal plan, go to either the Eagle Express Web page at www2.moreheadstate.edu/eagleexpress/ or the EagleCard Web page, www2.moreheadstate.edu/eaglecard/. Additional information is available by contacting the EagleCard office at (606) 783-2701.

Bookstore and meal plan purchases can be added to the student's master bill.

Additional information is available by calling the Office of Enrollment Services at (606) 783-2000, or the Office of the Registrar at (606) 783-2008.

Rites of Passage slated for Dec. 15

Morehead State University's Office of Multicultural Student Services will sponsor its 23rd Annual Fall Rites of Passage Celebration program on Dec. 15, from 6-8:30 p.m.

The ceremony will take place in the Adron Doran University Center's Crager Room.

The purpose of the ceremony is to recognize and celebrate the scholastic achievement of minority and international students at MSU. The students will receive a certificate and gift from MSS.

Students who purchased Kente stoles and international sashes will be presented with their stole during a special ceremony. A 17th-century West African tradition, Kente clothes were traditionally bestowed upon African leaders who achieved great academic success. The clothes will be presented during symbolic ceremonies and are woven from an array of colors, each with its own unique meaning.

The tradition of "donning the Kente" was instituted at MSU nearly 20 years ago and stoles are representative of sorority and fraternity affiliations, student/organization memberships, as well as specific countries of origin.

The speaker for this winter's celebration is Dr. Roger Cleveland, assistant professor of education at Eastern Kentucky University. Dr. Cleveland previously worked in MSU's College of Education. He is also co-director of the First Baptist Bracktown BMW program, which focuses on working with young black males to become productive citizens.

Students are asked to RSVP by 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10.

Additional information is available by calling Dr. Francene Botts-Butler, director of multicultural student services, at (606) 783-2668 or by e-mailing f.botts@moreheadstate.edu.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---College textbooks are expensive. Although students may deem some of their books valuable and keep them for future reference, most books end up back in the system.

Students at four of Morehead State University's regional campuses will have an opportunity to sell back their 2010 fall semester books.

The following schedule will be followed:

MSU at Ashland, Tuesday through Thursday, Dec. 14-16, from 3-7 p.m.

MSU at Mt. Sterling, Tuesday, Dec. 14, from 3-6 p.m. and Wednesday, Dec. 15, from 2-5 p.m.

MSU at Prestonsburg, Wednesday, Dec. 15, and Thursday, Dec. 16, from 3-6 p.m.

MSU at West Liberty, Tuesday, Dec. 14, from 4-7 p.m.; and Wednesday, Dec. 15, from 3-6 p.m.

Buy backs on the Morehead campus will be held on the first floor of the Adron Doran University Center: Wednesday, Dec. 8, through Friday, Dec. 10, from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Monday through Thursday, Dec. 13-16, from 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 17, from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; and Saturday, Dec. 18, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Student ID is required.

Additional information is available by calling the University Bookstore at (606) 783-2081.

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Mary Lynne White of Mt. Sterling will be the student speaker for Morehead State University's Winter Commencement on Saturday, Dec. 18.

During the ceremony that begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Academic-Athletic Center, MSU President Wayne D. Andrews will confer degrees on 576 graduate and undergraduate students.

A graduate of Montgomery County High School, she is the daughter of Kim and Charles White Jr. of Mt. Sterling.

She is a candidate for a bachelor's degree in business, with an emphasis in management.

White has been on the Dean's List for eight consecutive semesters. She has been supported by the Presidential, Alumni and the Kentucky Education Excellence scholarships.

She served as a member of Student Activities Council during her sophomore and junior years and received the Most Creative Member Award in 2009.

During her time with Student Activities Council, she coordinated various art projects for public relations purposes for the group and helped organize and implement their annual Dance Marathon, benefitting the Children's Miracle Network.

White is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma International Honor Society, and in the spring semester of 2010, she was named Outstanding Management and Marketing Department Student in the College of Business and Public Affairs. She also serves as a deacon at First Christian Church in Mt. Sterling.

After graduating from Morehead State University, White plans to start work and eventually continue her education by pursuing a master's degree in business, with an emphasis in human resource management.

For the commencement exercises, the grand marshal and mace bearer will be Greg Wing, associate professor of music, who received the 2010 Distinguished Teacher Award.

Faculty marshals will be Dr. Frances L. Helphinstine, professor of English, and Dr. Dora Ahmadi, chair of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Sciences.

Student marshals will be Bret May of Pikeville and Brittany Jackson of Mt. Sterling, Graduate Programs; Kara Wells of Carlisle and Sarah Whisman of Mt. Sterling; College of Science and Technology; Justin Masters of Morehead and Catherine Bevis of Wilmington, Ohio, College of Business and Public Affairs; Emma Keough of Batavia, Ohio, and Amie Weckenbrock of Ft. Wright, College of Education; Hannah Doyle of Flemingsburg and Susan Ahmadi of Morehead, Caudill College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

Sarah Bowling of Virginia Beach, Va., will sing the national anthem; Rachael Fannin of Elliottville will lead the alma mater; and MSU's Black Gospel Ensemble, directed by Dr. Roosevelt Escalante, will perform during the commencement program.

Following the ceremony, the newest alumni will be inducted into the MSU Alumni Association Inc. by its president, Clyde James of Morehead.

Additional information on Winter Commencement exercises is available by calling (606) 783-2008.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MOREHEAD, Ky.---Mary Lynne White of Mt. Sterling and nearly 600 other Morehead State University students were rejoiceful Saturday (Dec. 18) as candidates in the University's Winter Commencement exercises at the Academic-Athletic Center.

There were smiles, cheers and lots of photographs taken as the newest alumni took the ceremonial walk across the stage, signifying the completion of their college degrees. They were greeted by MSU President Wayne D. Andrews who offered a congratulatory handshake to each of those completing graduate and undergraduate degree requirements.

White was the student speaker for the program. A graduate of Montgomery County High School, she is the daughter of Kim and Charles White Jr. of Mt. Sterling. She is a candidate for a bachelor's degree in business, with an emphasis in management.

"This moment has been a long time coming. It seems like only yesterday that most of us were waiting to be escorted onto campus to move into our freshman dorm rooms. We sat there, hearts pounding, wondering what was to come next," White told the crowd.

White has been on the Dean's List for eight consecutive semesters. She has been supported by the Presidential, Alumni and the Kentucky Education Excellence scholarships. She is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma International Honor Society, and in the spring semester of 2010, she was named Outstanding Management and Marketing Department Student in the College of Business and Public Affairs. She also serves as a deacon at First Christian Church in Mt. Sterling.

"If we keep the right attitude, anything is possible as we go out into the world. You can choose to have the attitude that it is a horrible time to be starting your career, or you can have the attitude that you have a degree from one of the top public universities in the south, and you are going to find your perfect path," White added.

Following the ceremony, the newest graduates were inducted into the MSU Alumni Association by its president, Clyde James of Morehead

Morehead State begins its Spring Semester, Tuesday, Jan. 18.

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Holiday Closings + +

Morehead State University's administrative offices will close for the holiday break at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 17. Offices will reopen on Monday, Jan. 3, at 8 a.m.

Camden-Carroll Library and Kentucky Center for Traditional Music will observe the same schedule. The Kentucky Folk Art Center will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

While the University Bookstore will be closed, patrons may check its Web site for information regarding ordering and shipping during the holiday break.

For those who wish to make an end-of-year gift, the MSU Foundation will continue to accept contributions through the holiday break. The development staff will be available to assist donors with tax-deductible contributions through the end of the calendar year. For information, you may leave a message at (606) 783-2033 or (877) 690-4483 and a staff member will return your call. You also may make a gift online or e-mail giving@moreheadstate.edu.

The University Post Office will be open Dec. 21 and 29 from 9-11 a.m. to distribute mail to boxes only. Window service will not be available.

The Wellness Center will be closed Dec. 24-26 and Jan. 1. Hours of operation are available online or patrons may call (606) 783-2083 for specific times the center will be open.

The MSU Police Department will be available at (606) 783-2035 to answer questions and address campus concerns.